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1. (LOU) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO  
JOURNALISTS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED.

2. SUMMARY:

A. (LOU) TO BE BRIEFED TO THE PRESS: THE DIA'S SECOND

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE CONCLUDED WITH MANY SUPPORTERS OF  
BAERAK KARMAI REMOVED FROM THE PARTY AND NUMEROUS REPORTS  
OF MORE DISMISSALS TO FOLLOW. HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN

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SOVIET/DRA AND MUJAHIDIN FORCES CONTINUE IN LOGAR AND A NEW MAJOR OPERATION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN PACHMAN AREA IN KANDAHAR, THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING HAS INTENSIFIED WITH DRA CASUALTIES BEING TRANSPORTED TO KABUL. THE HEIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES INSIDE KABUL DURING PARTY CONFERENCE PROMPTED MOST AFGHANS TO STAY OFF THE STREETS AFTER DARK. ON EVENING OCTOBER 19, KABUL EXPERIENCED A ROCKET ATTACK WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY SUSTAINED FIRING OF SOVIET/DRA ARTILLERY AND MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS. THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO HARDEN THEIR POSITIONS ALONG PERIMETER ROAD AND NOW CONTROL ALL ACCESS TO THIS AREA AFTER SUNSET. A NUMBER OF LARGE SOVIET MILITARY COLUMNS WERE OBSERVED TRAVELLING TO AND FROM LOGAR PROVINCE INTO KABUL. NUMEROUS AFGHANS REPORT THAT THE DRA PRESS GANGS HAVE RESUMED WITH EVEN 16-YEAR OLDS BEING TAKEN FOR MILITARY SERVICE. THE INCREASED LEVEL OF NIGHTTIME AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY AT KABUL AIRPORT CONTINUED THROUGHOUT

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THE REPORTING PERIOD. NO GASOLINE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN KABUL SINCE OCTOBER 22.

B. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO THE PRESS: UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON RAJIBULLAH'S LIFE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

C. (LOG) KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS: WITH EXCEPTION OF EVENING ROCKET ATTACKS ON OCTOBER 18 AND 19, AND THE MORTAR ATTACK ON OCTOBER 24, THE CITY OF KABUL REMAINED

QUIET FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE WEEK WITH FEW SOUNDS OF SPORADIC SHOOTINGS AND UNEXPLAINED EXPLOSIONS. THE DRA CONTINUED TO AUGMENT TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES, WITH FEW AFGHANS VENTURING ONTO THE STREETS AFTER DARK. DRA ROADBLOCKS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCHES OF VEHICLES IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO LOCATE EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS BEING SMUGGLED INTO THE CITY. ARRIVING AND DEPARTING SOVIET/DRA AIRCRAFT APPEARED TO HAVE INCREASED THEIR DEPLOYMENT OF FLARES WHILE FLYING OVER THE KABUL AREA. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE WESTERN DIPLOMATS, THE DRA REGIME HAS REINSTITUTED THE "PRESS GANGS" OF AFGHAN YOUTH AND IS REPORTEDLY EVEN TAKING 16-YEAR OLDS. NUMEROUS DRA TRUCKS HAVE BEEN SEEN PARKED THROUGHOUT THE CITY WITH DRA SOLDIERS FORCING AFGHAN YOUTHS INTO THE BACK OF THE TRUCKS. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE, ON OCTOBER 23, THE DRA REGIME WITH HEAD OFFICIALS WENT TO MANY OF KABUL'S SCHOOLS AND CONSCRIPTED YOUTHS DIRECTLY FROM THEIR CLASSES. THEY WERE TAKEN TO KABUL'S DRA MILITARY IN-PROCESSING CENTERS AND ARE REPORTEDLY BEING SENT DIRECTLY TO HERAT, KANDAHAR, AND LOGAR AREAS. ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN FATHER WHOSE SON WAS CONSCRIPTED,

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HIS ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE THE DRA OFFICIALS TO ALLOW HIS SON  
TO STAY IN KABUL WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. ANOTHER AFHAF  
REPORTS THAT ATTEMPTS TO REACH WHERE THEIR SONS WERE  
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REMAINED HEAVY WITH A NEW PATTERN OF EARLY NIGHTTIME FLIGHTS BEING NOTED. THE AMOUNT OF SOVIET ARMORED AND VEHICULAR COLUMNS TRAVELING TO AND FROM KABUL TOWARD LOGAR DIRECTION INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, WHICH MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN LOGAR PROVINCE. SOURCES REPORT THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS IN KABUL.

-- OCTOBER 24: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS SEVERAL MORTARS IMPACTED INTO THE MORE SHEER DARWAZA MOUNTAIN IN KABUL AT 2145 HOURS. SPORADIC MACHINEGUN FIRE FROM SURROUNDING AREAS THEN FOLLOWED INTO THE AREA.

-- OCTOBER 23: A NUMBER OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS OBSERVED SEVERAL MORTAR ROUNDS IMPACT INSIDE A SOVIET BASE OVERLOOKING KARGHA LAKE WHICH PROMPTED OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE. SOUNDS OF HEAVY MACHINEGUN FIRE WERE NOTED COMING FROM THE PLAINS AREA LEADING TO PAGHMAN WITH PAIRS OF JET AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OVERFLYING THE REGION.

-- OCTOBER 20: ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN SOURCE, A BOMB EXPLODED NEAR A GAS TANK AT SIASAND ON THE ROAD TO

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BAGRAMI AT 1200 HOURS. THE TANK DID NOT EXPLODE. AS A RESULT OF THE BOMB BLAST, SARANDOI SOLDIERS CONDUCTED A CLOSE VEHICLE CHECK ALONG THE ROUTE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE WESTERN DIPLOMAT, AT

1200 HOURS, A SINGLE LARGE EXPLOSION WAS HEARD COMING FROM THE KHAIK KHANA AREA, WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AN INCOMING ROCKET.

-- OCTOBER 19: ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS AFGHAN AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, A NUMBER OF ROCKETS FIRED FROM THE MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BALA HISSAR IMPACTED INTO KABUL. AT 1740 HOURS, A TOTAL OF SIX ROCKETS STRUCK THE CITY: TWO IMPACTED IN THE KARTE PARKHAN AREA KILLING ONE WOMAN AND THREE CHILDREN; ONE IMPACTED IN THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE GROUNDS; ONE LANDED IN THE SPO AREA CAUSING NO DAMAGE; ONE ROCKET LANDED IN DEHBORI AREA NEAR KOTI SANGI DAMAGING ONE HOUSE; AND TWO ROCKETS LANDED IN THE KHAIK KHANA AREA. SHORTLY AFTER THESE ROCKETS, THREE EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ALMOST AN HOUR OF OUTGOING ARTILLERY AND MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER FIRE FROM DIFFERENT BATTERIES AROUND KABUL. ANOTHER RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT A LARGE BOMB EXPLODED AT A DRA MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AT PISHKOR SOUTH OF KABUL WHICH RESULTED IN MANY DRA KILLED. IN ADDITION, A SMALL BOMB DETONATED AT THE ALIABAL SCHOOL, BUT DID NOT CAUSE ANY CASUALTIES.

-- OCTOBER 18: ACCORDING TO SEVERAL AFGHAN SOURCES DURING EARLY EVENING HOURS, TWO ROCKETS IMPACTED INTO KABUL WITH ONE LANDING IN THE SILC ROAD AREA AND THE

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OTHER INTO THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AREA. ACCORDING TO  
A RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, FOUR CIVILIANS WERE KILLED.

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4. (200) KABUL PROVINCE: REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN THE

PROVINCE INCREASED SLIGHTLY COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS

REPORTING PERIOD. FIGHTING WAS FOCUSED TO THE SOUTH AND

ON ANOTHER SOVIET/IRA SUEP OF THE PAGMAN AREA.

A. KABUL WEST: ON EARLY MORNING OCTOBER 25, SEVERAL

DIPLOMATS NOTED MORTARS IMPACTING INSIDE A SOVIET

ENCAMPMENT THAT OVERLOOKS KARGHA LAKE. THIS WAS SHORTLY

FOLLOWED BY FIRING OF OUTGOING SOVIET ARTILLERY AND THE

ARRIVAL OF SEVERAL PAIRS OF HELICOPTERS. SOUNDS OF

HEAVY MACHINEGUN AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS

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DISCERNABLE FROM THE PLAINS WEST OF KABUL. THERE IS A MINOR  
POSSIBLY AS A RESULT OF A PREVIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVING  
WESTERN JOURNALISTS AND DIPLOMATS. THERE IS A MINOR  
POSTED ON THE PATH LEADING TO A SOVIET ENCAMPMENT WHICH  
WARS OF THE AREA BEING A RESTRICTED AREA AND FORBIDS  
ANYONE FROM TRANSITING THROUGH IT. ACCORDING TO A  
USUALLY RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE, DRA TROOPS ARE LOOTING  
ABANDONED HOMES IN THE PAGHMAN AND SHOMALI AREAS.  
ANOTHER RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE CLAIMS SOVIET AND DRA  
FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW SWEEP OF THE PAGHMAN AREA  
DESIGNED TO DRIVE THE MUJAHIDIN OUT OF THE AREA, OR AT  
LEAST PUSH THEM OUT OF EFFECTIVE ROCKET RANGE OF KABUL.  
5. KABUL SOUTH: ON THE NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 18-20, THERE  
WERE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN THE DARULAMAN, TAPE  
PAJAKA, LASATI BACHI, AND NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY.  
WESTERN DIPLOMATS ALSO OBSERVED AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF  
FLARE ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTHERN DIRECTION.

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6. (LCC) LOGAR: ACCORDING TO MULTIPLE AFGHAN AND  
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, A MAJOR SOVIET AND DRA OFFENSIVE IS  
STILL UNDERWAY IN LOGAR AREA AND KABUL. ON MORNING 20  
OCTOBER, A LARGE SOVIET ARMORED COLUMN WAS NOTED  
TRAVELLING THROUGH DARULAMAN TOWARDS LOGAR. ACCORDING TO

A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT, AT 1800 HOURS ON SAME DATE, A 62  
PLUS COLUMN OF FUEL TRUCKS AND 14 ARMORED PERSONNEL  
CARRIERS WERE SEEN RETURNING FROM LOGAR DIRECTION AND  
HEADING TOWARDS SOVIET ENCAMPMENTS WEST OF DARULAMAN. A  
RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT A 100 PLUS SOVIET  
COLUMN OF ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, TRUCKS, AND TANKS  
WITH LIGHT AND HAGGARD SOLDIERS RIDING ON TOP RETURNED TO  
KABUL FROM LOGAR ON MORNING 21 OCTOBER. THIS SAME SOURCE  
NOTED A SIMILAR SIZE SOVIET ARMORED COLUMN LATER IN THE  
AFTERNOON WITH FRESH-LOOKING SOVIET SOLDIERS HEADING OUT  
OF KABUL BACK TOWARDS LOGAR. THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING  
PERIOD, DRA AND SOVIET MI-24 AND MI-8 HELICOPTER MOVEMENT  
WAS OBSERVED FLYING FROM KABUL IN A SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST  
DIRECTION. A DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT TWO PROMINENT  
MUJAHIDIN GROUPS IN THE LOGAR AREA HAVE RESOLVED PAST  
DIFFERENCES AND ARE NOW WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER IN  
PLANNING JOINT ATTACKS ON SOVIET FORCES. A USUALLY  
RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT A JET AIRCRAFT WAS  
DOWNED NEAR GULDAKA (34 13N 69 10E). THE OCCUPANTS OF  
THE AIRCRAFT WERE CAPTURED AS THEY PARACHUTED TO EARTH.

7. (LCC) KANDAHAR: ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE AFGHAN  
SOURCE, FIGHTING BETWEEN SOVIET/DRA FORCES AND THE  
MUJAHIDIN HAS FLARED UP. CASUALTIES AND BODIES ARE BEING  
FLOWN TO KABUL. OVER 60 DRA SOLDIERS' BODIES WERE

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SICUTER FROM KALAFAT WITH SIMILAR MOUNT CROUCHED  
IPRASP RIPS IN KABUL HOSPITALS IN KATHMAN  
RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORT THAT AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS  
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IN KANDAHAR CITY STILL RETAIN THEIR ABILITY TO MOVE

FREELY IN AND OUT DESPITE THE NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED ROADS

SURROUNDING THE AREA. THIS SAME SOURCE REPORTS AS OF 19

OCTOBER, KANDAHAR CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE DAILY AND

NIGHTLY SHOOTINGS. ANOTHER RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE  
STATES THAT THE DRA USE OF POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS TO REPAIR  
AND ASSIST IN RECONSTRUCTION OF KANDAHAR CITY HAS NOT  
BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH MANY CONTINUING TO BE US CAPTURED.  
THE DRA PLANS TO SEND ADDITIONAL STUDENTS TO THE AREA TO  
ASSIST THOSE PRESENT. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL RESIDENT, THE

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JAGHANI (AFGHAN SOURCE) REPORTS WHICH ARE FROM THE CITY IS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS FOR THE LOCAL POPULATION DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS. THESE JAGHANI TROOPS ARE UNDER THE COMMAND OF KOSTAN KOSTI, WHO APPEARED ON THE PLATFORM WITH NAJIBULLAH AT THE PIRA CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO THE RESIDENT, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JAGHANI TROOPS IS APPROXIMATELY 1000. THEY SPEAK SOME PARSI AND NO RUSSIAN, AND APPEAR TO BE CAUCASIAN UZBEKS. AS OF 15 OCTOBER, THERE HAS BEEN INTENSE FIGHTING BETWEEN SOVIET PRA FORCES AND MUJAHIDIN IN THE MALAJAI AREA WITH A LATER SOVIET ARMORED COLUMN NOTED THAT DAY DEPARTING MALAJAI HEADING TOWARDS MALAJAI. REPORTER, THE MUJAHIDIN ARE ADEQUATELY SUPPLIED AND ARE RESISTING THE SOVIET/IRA ADVANCE. ALTHOUGH SOVIET AND PRA FORCES HAVE CONSIDERABLE PERIMETER-TYPE ROADS AROUND MALAJAI CITY IN AN EFFORT TO DENY THE MUJAHIDIN ACCESS TO THE AREA. MANY MUJAHIDIN CONTINUE TO ENTER AT NIGHT WITH RESIDENTS WILLINGLY PROVIDING THEM MONEY AND FOOD.

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ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE, HEMATULLAH  
MUSLIMS ARE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE PRA GUARDING THE  
ROAD FROM MALAJAI TO SPIRBAK.

7. (CUB) HEMAT: ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE WESTERN  
DIPLOMAT, A VERY LARGE BOMB EXPLODED IN THE CENTER OF  
HEMAT CITY ON 21 OCTOBER WHICH RESULTED IN A LARGE NUMBER  
OF CASUALTIES. ANOTHER DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT THE  
MUJAHIDIN HAVE ATTACKED FOUR SEPARATE PRA POSTS IN THE  
SHAL-I-KAS REGION OF HEMAT CITY. NO FIGURES ON KILLED  
OR WOUNDED WERE GIVEN.

8. (CUB) PAFAN: ACCORDING TO A RECENT AFGHAN  
TRAVELLER, THE CROPS AND FIELDS IN JABAL SARAJ AREA ARE  
IN GOOD CONDITION AND HAVE NOT BEEN DAMAGED BY ANY  
FIGHTING OR BOMBINGS. A RECENT LARGE HAILSTORM HAS  
CAUSED SOME MINOR CROP DAMAGE. SEVERAL EASTERN SLOC  
DIPLOMATS CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ABANDONED SEVERAL  
BASES IN THE PAROSHIE AREA DUE TO MUJAHIDIN PRESSURE.

9. (CUB) AAFAN: ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT,  
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TWO PRA OUTPOSTS IN AARLA  
PROVINCE WERE OVERTAKEN BY MUJAHIDIN FORCES WHICH RESULTED  
IN TWO PRA OFFICERS CAPTURED. IN A SEPARATE ENGAGEMENT,  
A MUJAHIDIN GROUP ATTACKED A SOVIET MILITARY COLUMN IN  
THE HAZARAJAI AREA.

10. DIPLOMAT HAD NO DETAILS AS TO  
NUMBER OF CASUALTIES OR VEHICLES DESTROYED.

11. (CUB) MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS: THE SOVIET FORCES  
HAVE COMPLETED THEIR HARDENING OF THEIR OUTPOSTS ALONG  
PERIMETER ROAD. A SMALL SOVIET OUTPOST LOCATED ON A HILL

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NORTHWEST OF THE AIRPORT IS NOT BEING IMPROVED WITH  
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OF NIGHTTIME AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY REMAINED HEAVY WITH AN  
UNUSUALLY ABNORMAL AMOUNT OF FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT NOTED  
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ARRIVING AT KABUL -- AN UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER -- WHICH  
MIGHT INDICATE A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN SOVIET FORCES OR A  
NORMAL ROTATION.

11. (LOU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

A. AS A RESULT OF NAJIBULLAH'S PURGES OF BABRAKISTS,

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THERE ARE MULTIPLE AFGHAN AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REPORTS THAT MANY HAVE NOW BEEN ARRESTED. ACCORDING TO ONE RELIABLE WESTERN DIPLOMAT, OVER 2000 PDPA MEMBERS WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY, BUT WILL RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS WITHIN THE DRA GOVERNMENT. ANOTHER RELIABLE DIPLOMAT CLAIMS THAT NAJIBULLAH WILL BE FORCED TO TURN TO COOPERATING ELEMENTS IN THE KHALQI FACTION AND THE NEUTRAL ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PDPA TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE AND STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION. SOME EAST BLOC DIPLOMATS MAINTAIN THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT PROPOSE REMOVAL OF SENIOR PDPA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE BABRAKIST PARACHARI WING, BUT HAVE LEARNED THE LESSON OF NOT INTERFERING IN INTERNAL PDPA POLITICS. THEY BELIEVE NAJIBULLAH NEEDED EXTRA POWER TO BUILD INFLUENCE WITHIN THE PARTY AND AMONG THE POPULACE. OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS IN KABUL BELIEVE THAT NAJIBULLAH'S PURGE OF OPPOSITION WILL ONLY CREATE A MORE SPLINTERED PDPA AND WILL RESULT IN ARMED RESISTANCE FROM AGGRIEVED PARTY

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ELEMENTS. SOME SPECULATE THAT, OVER THE UPCOMING MONTHS, DISMISSED PDPA OFFICIALS WILL GO UNDERGROUND TO BEGIN PLOTTING NAJIBULLAH'S DOWNFALL.

8. A STRONG SPEECH ATTACKING PARTY FACTIONALISM BY POLITBUREO MEMBER SAHIE MOHAMMED ZEARY AT THE OCTOBER

19-21 PDPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY PRESAGE NEW ATTACKS ON DISSENTING KHALQIS WHO DISAGREE WITH NAJIB'S NATIONAL RECONCILIATION POLICY. A LOYALTY OATH -- INVEIGHING AGAINST FACTIONALISM -- IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED THROUGH THE PARTY. ANYONE WHO REFUSES TO SIGN WILL BE EXPELLED. KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THAT MOST DISSENTING PDPA MEMBERS WILL SIGN BUT COVERT OPPOSITION TO NAJIB WILL INCREASE.

C. EVIDENCE OF GROWING TENSION BETWEEN NAJIBULLAH AND GULABZOI: SEVERAL AFGHAN AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES STATE THAT THE GROWING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NAJIBULLAH AND GULABZOI HAVE RESULTED IN LATTER MOVING OUT OF THE SAME SARANDOI MICRO-AYON AREA OF KABUL. REPORTEDLY, GULABZOI HAS MOVED INTO ANOTHER PART OF KABUL AND STILL RETAINS HIS OWN PERSONAL BODYGUARDS FROM THE SARANDOI.

D. CONFUSION WITHIN THE PDPA PARAS: AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT PDPA DISMISSALS, A LARGE NUMBER OF PARTY MEMBERS OVER THE PAST WEEK REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN MAKING CALLS AT THE DRA YATE BANK IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN FUNDS. THIS RUN ON THE BANK HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION.

12. (LCC) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: SINCE OCTOBER 22, NO GASOLINE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN KABUL CITY, RESULTING IN A HALT OF TRAFFIC. AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT SOVIET TROOPS HAVE

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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT OCTOBER 19 - 20.

BEEN SELLING PURLOINED GASOLINE TO TAXIS. A CUT-OFF OF

GASOLINE IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH FIGHTING ON THE

SALANG ROAD. A DRA MINISTER, HOWEVER, TOLD A SOVIET

COLLEAGUE THAT SNCA HAD IMPEDED TRAFFIC IN THE SALANG

AREA.

18. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: ACCORDING TO AN  
UNCONFIRMED AFGHAN REPORT, AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT  
WAS MADE AGAINST NAJIBULLAH DURING THE PAST SEVERAL  
DAYS. REPORTEDLY A SMALL BOMB WAS PLACED IN A POST

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OFFICE BUILDING NEAR WHERE NAJIBULLAH NORMALLY WORKS.  
ALTHOUGH THE BOMB EXPLODED, THE OFFICE CLASS AND  
NAJIBULLAH, HE SUFFERED NO INJURIES. THE ATTEMPT IS  
BELIEVED TO BE A COMBINED KALUJI AND DISSIDENT PALCHAMI  
EFFORT. KALUJI OFFICIALS ARE REMAINING UNUSUALLY QUIET  
ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

14. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CLASSMAN

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